

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of EDWARD GLENN CARTIER,  
Minor.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

AMY STEVENS,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

TONY CARTIER,

Respondent.

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August 28, 2003

No. 246566

Isabella Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 02-000077-NA

Before: Markey, P.J., and Cavanagh and Saad, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent Stevens appeals as of right from a circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor child pursuant to MCL 712A.19b(3)(g). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory ground for termination had been proved by clear and convincing evidence. *In re IEM*, 233 Mich App 438, 450; 592 NW2d 751 (1999). The evidence showed that despite receiving assistance, respondent lacked the ability to parent the child properly. Respondent's therapist testified that given respondent's limited cognitive ability and the issues she needed to address through counseling, it would take two or three years of treatment for respondent to become a "good enough" parent, and even then she would require assistance. Further, the trial court's finding regarding the child's best interests was not clearly erroneous. *In re Trejo Minors*, 462 Mich 341, 354, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000); MCL 712A.19b(5). Therefore, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent's parental rights. *Trejo, supra* at 356-357.

We find no merit to respondent's claim that petitioner failed to provide services for reunification. Respondent was provided with in-home services, a psychological evaluation, counseling, and parenting services at Even Start. The psychological evaluator recommended that

respondent be referred to her family doctor for reassessment of her medications and both the foster care worker and respondent's therapist testified that was done.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jane E. Markey

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh

/s/ Henry William Saad